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Contract

## **Books, E-books, Standing orders and Related Materials — Joint Consortia Framework Agreement**

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC)

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

111357

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.supc.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/86623>

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Books, E-books, Standing orders and Related Materials — Joint Consortia Framework Agreement

Reference number

LIB 4035 SU

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 22113000 - Library books

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Books, E-Books, Standing orders and Related Materials

Lot No

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

Print books to participating consortia member libraries. Participating consortia are SUPC, NEUPC, NWUPC, LUPC, HEPCW, NEYAL, MUAL, NoWAL, WHELF. Agreement open to member universities and their partners regardless of whether or not they are defined as Contracting Authorities for the purposes of the PCR 2015.

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Start date

1 August 2017

End date

31 July 2021

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

Various projects funded by EU in various institutions in the UK.

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

LIB 4035 SU

### **Lot No**

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

### **Title**

Books, E-books, Standing orders and Related Materials — Joint Consortia Framework Agreement

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:**

29 June 2017

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract/concession has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Askews & Holts Library Services

1 Whittle Drive, Willingdon Drove, Eastbourne, East Sussex

Eastbourne

BN23 6QH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Dawson Books Ltd

Rowan House, Cherry Orchard North, Kembrey Park

Swindon

SN2 8UH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Browns Books for Students

22-28 George Street, Kingston-upon-Hull

Kingston-upon-Hull

HU1 3AP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

EBSCO International Inc

4th Floor, Kingmaker House, Station Road, New Barnet

New Barnet

EN5 1NZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

ProQuest LLC

789 E. Eisenhower Parkway P.O. Box 1346

Ann Arbor

48106-1346

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Blackwell Limited

50 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3BQ

Oxford

OX1 3BQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Casalini Libri SpA

Via Benedetto da Maiano 3, Fiesole, 50014, Italy

Fiesole

50014

Country

Italy

NUTS code

- IT - Italy

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

EBSCO GmbH

Ignaz Köck Straße 9, Vienna, 1210, Austria

Vienna

1210

Country

Austria

NUTS code

- AT - Austria

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Otto Harrassowitz GmbH & Co

Kreuzberger Ring 7b-d, Wiesbaden, 65205, Germany

Wiesbaden

65205

Country

Germany

NUTS code

- DE - Germany

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Bibliotech Education

Digital Catapult 101, Euston Road, London, England



London

NW1 2RA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

John Smith & Son Group

Capella Building, 60 York Street, Glasgow

Glasgow

G2 8JX

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Kortext

Suite B, 6th Floor, Avalon, 26-32 Oxford Road, Bournemouth

Bournemouth

BH8 8EZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Wordery.com Limited

Rowan House, Cherry Orchard North, Kembrey Park, Swindon

Swindon

SN2 8UH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £360,000,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

NB: Contract award notice number is OJ 2017/S 132-269993 - there is no FTS number

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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## **Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

### **VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

#### **VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 22113000 - Library books

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

#### **VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

Extension to Framework Agreement for the supply of Books, e-books, standing orders and related materials (LIB 4035 SU). Extension is for a maximum of 6 months from 1st August 2021 until 31st January 2022 with no amendment to the Lots, contract value, or Suppliers apart from those who no longer trade.

Need for modification was brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee (see VII.2)

#### **VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Duration in months

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In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee (R72(1)(c) of Public Contracts Regulations 2015, Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015)

#### **VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£360,000,000

**VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Askews & Holts Library Services

1 Whittle Drive, Willingdon Drove, Eastbourne, East Sussex

Eastbourne

BN23 6QH

Country

United Kingdom

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No

**VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

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65205

Country

Germany

NUTS code

- DE - Germany

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

**VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

BibliU Limited

Ark Co-Working, 237 Pentonville Road, London, England, N1 9NJ

London



N1 9NJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

**VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

## **VII.2) Information about modifications**

### **VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

The framework agreement was initially awarded on the basis of 24 months with a further 24 month option to extend. That option to extend has been exercised and the framework agreement would expire on 31st July 2021 unless extended further.

The only amendment being made is a 6 month extension of the expiry date to 31st January 2022. The lots, suppliers, and nature of the supplies provided under each lot are unchanged. The estimated increased total spend through the framework will be less than 50% of the value of the original framework agreement.

The reasons for the modification are consistent with the derogation grounds in Articles 72(1)(c) and 72(1)(e) of Directive 2014/24/EU (reg72(1)(c) and reg72(1)(e) Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as amended).

Full justification for reliance on both safe harbours has been recorded internally by the contracting authority

The new procurement process will be launched in June of 2021 and much of the preliminary work regarding strategy, specification, and supplier engagement has already been completed.

### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee.

Description of the circumstances which rendered the modification necessary and

explanation of the unforeseen nature of these circumstances:

Since March 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic has required library stakeholders to focus their efforts on a shift to digital resource provision in support of new teaching practices. These challenges continue in March 2021. Shifts in supply and practice have entailed new suppliers, business models, licencing terms, and pricing structures as well as development of new skills, relationships and working practices. This in turn has created a greater reliance on the contracting authority for support. This has happened in the context of national lockdowns and the challenges of working from home and home schooling of children.

### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £360,000,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £360,000,000